

POSITION DESCRIPTION

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA



POSITION TITLE	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
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COLLEGE/INSTITUTE/DIVISION	College of Health and Medicine
SCHOOL/SECTION	School of Health Sciences
CAMPUS	Medical Science Precinct/Domain
CLASSIFICATION	Academic Level B
DATE	December 2018

POSITION SUMMARY

The University of Tasmania's College of Health and Medicine has an international reputation for the quality of health professional education and research into the prevention and management of chronic diseases, particularly conditions associated with ageing.

The College of Health and Medicine comprises of the School of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre and Menzies Institute for Medical Research. Research emphasis in the College relate to 3 flagship areas including Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia and Obesity.

The School of Health Sciences is a large multi-campus School specialising in Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health including Exercise Science and Sports Science, Medical Imaging (with Charles Sturt University), Medical Laboratory Science, and Rural Health. Central to the School's operations are close partnerships with industry including hospitals, local health districts and aged care facilities, enabling students and staff to benefit from work-integrated learning, research, collaborative opportunities and industry links to employers and future colleagues.

This position will undertake research aligned with the Obesity flagship. The position is also strongly aligned with the University's Better Health research theme.

The Fellow will be responsible for contributing to a number of research projects related to maternal and infant health and will work under the guidance of a research mentor.

The Fellow will be expected to contribute to the broader research activities of the School of Health Sciences by supervising honours and higher degree research students, securing external competitive research funding, and the presenting and publishing research findings in quality journals.

The University's Statement of Values indicates a commitment to 'working from the strength that diversity brings'. The University is anxious to work towards fulfilling that commitment through its recruitment policies and practices. In particular, women are especially encouraged to apply for this position.

POSITION RELATIONSHIPS

Supervisor	Professor Sports and Exercise Science
Direct reports	Nil
Other	The appointee must work effectively with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designated research mentor• Staff and students, College of Health and Medicine

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES AND OUTCOMES

1.	Make an effective and sustained contribution to the University in achieving its strategic objectives and fulfilling its operational responsibilities.
2.	Undertake high-quality research of national and increasingly of international standing, secure external competitive and other funding, publish research findings and contribute to the successful supervision of higher degree research students, in order to meet and regularly exceed the University's research performance expectations for Level B.
3.	Contribute to the development and maintenance of productive and effective links inside the University and locally and nationally with the discipline, relevant interdisciplinary domains, profession, industry and/or wider community.
4.	Contribute to the development of quality teaching materials to support relevant scholarly undergraduate (and if relevant postgraduate) coursework units.
5.	Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY/LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

Under the broad direction of the supervisor and within the context of the University's policies and performance expectations, the appointee has a substantial degree of autonomy.

POSITION CRITERIA

Essential Requirements

1. A PhD or equivalent in a relevant field.
2. A strong record of, and continuing commitment to, research in physical activity and health that has achieved national recognition and made worthwhile contributions to Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease, ideally research related to obesity as demonstrated by a record of quality publications, presentations at conferences and preferably success in securing external competitive and other funding.
3. A record of contributing to building and maintaining effective and productive links locally and nationally with the discipline, profession, industry (where relevant) and wider community.
4. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
5. A record of research relating to obesity, particularly maternal and infant health with a strong understanding of body composition assessment.
6. Experience in the development and teaching of University-level units.

Desirable Attributes

7. Experience in the supervision of PhD and Honours students.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All staff will assist the University to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment by working safely, adhering to instructions and using the equipment provided in accordance with safe operating procedures. Where appropriate, staff will initiate and participate in worksite inspections, accident reporting and investigations and develop safe work procedures.
- All supervising staff are required to implement and maintain the University's WHS Management System in areas under their control, ensuring compliance with legislative requirements and established Policies, Procedures and Guidelines and, provide the appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision.
- Staff will inform their supervisor of any unsafe working practices or hazardous working conditions

UTAS STATEMENT OF VALUES



We subscribe to the fundamental values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, trust and trustworthiness, respect and self-respect, and fairness and justice. We bring these values to life by our individual and collective commitment to:

- * Creating and serving shared purpose
- * Nurturing a vital and sustainable community
- * Focusing on opportunity
- * Working from the strength diversity brings
- * Collaborating in ways that help us be the best we can be